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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A 1972 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MOTOR LIFEBOAT
NUMBER 44409 FROM THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) seeks Board approval authorizing the Department to accept a donation of a 1972 United States Coast Guard Motor Lifeboat Number 44409, Documentation Number 1169834, Hull Number CG-44409 (Lifeboat) from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The Lifeboat is to be used by the Department's Avalon Sheriff's Station (Avalon Station) for homeland defense and maritime law enforcement related missions. This lifeboat will replace a much smaller lifeboat that is currently being used by Avalon Station.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for Los Angeles (County), to accept the donation of the Lifeboat, valued at \$45,000. This Lifeboat will be used by the Department for homeland defense and maritime law enforcement related missions.
2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to execute any and all documents which may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of this Lifeboat, including a release of liability whereby the County agrees to indemnify and defend Humboldt County and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office from and against any liability arising out of the County's use of the vessel.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Sheriff Michael Downey, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, 826 Fourth Street, Eureka, California, 95501, for the generous donation, and to also send a letter of appreciation to Deputy Braden Brawner, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, 826 Fourth Street, Eureka, California, 95501 for generously facilitating the donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office intends to donate one Lifeboat to the County to be used by Avalon Station.

In donating this Lifeboat to the Department, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office asks that this Lifeboat be utilized exclusively by the Department for homeland defense and maritime law enforcement related missions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. The donation of this Lifeboat will enhance the safety of Department personnel and provide an additional degree of service and support to the County. It will also demonstrate the Department's leadership and will help decision makers efficiently deploy law enforcement services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated costs for trailering this Lifeboat to the County, repairs to the transmission, and painting the Lifeboat's hull are \$25,000. There is no additional cost associated with this donation other than routine maintenance and standard fuel costs. All operational costs will be funded through existing Department funds and will continue to be allocated in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for any public purpose. Donations in excess of \$10,000 must be placed on the Board agenda for the Board's consideration and acceptance. This Lifeboat is valued at \$45,000 based upon cost comparisons of similar lifeboats.

The Department seeks delegated authority to execute any and all documents which may be necessary to effectuate the transfer of this Lifeboat, including a release of liability whereby the County agrees to indemnify and defend Humboldt County and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office from and against any liability arising out of the County's use of this Lifeboat.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

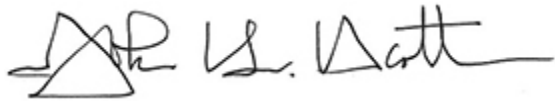
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This donated Lifeboat will replace a much smaller lifeboat that is currently used by Avalon Station. This Lifeboat will provide deputies with a larger platform that will enhance their safety and abilities to perform rescue, recovery, and homeland security missions in difficult sea conditions for residents and visitors to the County.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four adopted copies of this Board letter to the Department's Communications and Fleet Management Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

JOHN L. SCOTT
Sheriff

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